

Pope Leo has just issued a bull regarding the alleged discovery of the body of the Apostle James at Compostella in Spain. Pope's have wonderful faith in their own discoveries and powers of recognition. Few intelligent people will credit the statement. "A few years more and the Pope will have all the holy bones together."

The church of England went into revival work in London last month among the middle classes with great success.

Elder Holsinger will soon again enter upon his College work and persevere until the goal is accomplished and Ashland College placed on a sound financial basis. The churches have done nobly so far, and we are beginning to feel that we are not progressive in name only.

Elder J. W. Fitzgerald has promised to preach for the church at Tiosa, Indiana for one year. We wish God's blessing on his work in his new field of labor.

A strong effort will be made by the New Jersey Legislature to prohibit the killing of birds for millinery purpose. Let the birds sing and be glad, even if it does make the ladies sad.

It is estimated that one out of every 5000 persons is buried alive.

Elder P. R. Wrightman has rented his farm and has moved to Emporia Kansas. We hope he will stand in defense of the Gospel in that city.

Sister Julia A. Wood sent us a package of good selections lately, for which we return thanks.

Elder Mallott preached in West Independence during the last week of the New Year.

Elder Brown protested against our saying that he made four missionary tours to Pennsylvania last year. He only made three trips he says. Well we will allow him to go again and get even.

Pastors and ministers will find it a great help to have the EVANGELIST go into every family under their care. It preaches to them every day of the week. It keeps them posted on church work and sharpens their spiritual appetite for the bread of life.

The Methodist Centenary at Baltimore ended with a love feast.

The School and Home is the title of a new monthly paper edited by J. G. Royer and published by J. G. Royer & Son, Mt. Morris, Ill. It is a creditable paper.

A system of church polity which must periodically expel a large proportion of its membership as fit only to be classed among heathens and publicans, must be very deficient to say the least about it.

The International series of Sunday school lessons for 1886 (not 1885) are announced by the lesson committee as follows: For the first quarter, Studies in Jewish History, from 2nd Kings to Malachi; for the remainder of the year, studies in the writings of John, from the fourth Gospel to Revelations.

At this late date the German Baptist annual meeting still goes begging for a place. We confess that we are not specially interested in this matter, but we know that there are some strong advocates of annual meeting who conscientiously believe it is the one thing necessary to keep the church from dividing and we want union and peace.

Spain experienced an earthquake on Christmas. Some towns were damaged and a few lives lost.

Howard Miller's census pamphlet costs 40 cents. The Brethren's Annual, containing the census and much other valued matter, only 20 cents.

A large Anti-mormon meeting was held in Chicago last week by which measures were adopted to fight mormonism in an organized way.

Cornelius Aultman the millionaire inventor manufacturer and philanthropist died at his home in Canton last Friday morning, suddenly, of apoplexy.

Bro. J. P. Martin is now preaching assiduously for the Dayton Church.

With the majority of people, assertion goes a great way for argument. "Let truth and falsehood grapple," said Milton, in the Areopagitica; but he did not say, "Let truth and falsehood try who can bawl the loudest," for in that case truth would get worsted as often as not. If your case lacks argument do not attempt to supply the deficiency by repeating the same thing in a louder tone of voice. And on the other hand, have something better to go upon, before you change your own opinion, than the increasing loudness of your opponents' voice.

Elder S. H. Hildebrand is to begin a series of meetings in the Stony Creek church about the middle of January.

There is commotion among the priests in Italy now. Four were recently stabbed by citizens the result of scandals.

Elder J. D. McFaden preaches day and evening for the brethren at Bremen, and souls are being saved.

Brother Frederick, of Ripon, Cal., has his mind exercised over the shooting of a citizen of that place by a Baptist minister. Christianity is made to suffer by such and similar acts from professing Christians.

Brother Cober has returned from North Liberty and reports a good meeting. The meetings were held in the Brethren's church at that place.

The five hundredth anniversary of the birth of Wickliffe was celebrated in various parts of the world on the last Sunday of the old year.

The January number of the North American Review is an excellent one. It presents no very famous names among its contributors, but it offers a wide variety of unusually readable articles. We are now so safely over the crisis of the presidential election that men of all parties can calmly consider Bishop Huntington's essay on "Vituperation in Politics," and it is to be hoped that what they learn from it will not be forgotten for years hence. Under the title, "The Re-united South," Henry Watterson presents with great clearness the Southern and Democratic view of the political situation as it now stands. This also is extremely interesting to every citi-

zen, whether he agrees with Mr. Watterson or not. Another question of universal concern, which some think will soon make itself a national issue, is that of labor and its compensation; and Col. Hinton, in "American Labor Organizations," shows with what equipment it will take the field. But the article that the literary reader will first turn to is Frederic Harrison's brilliant and incisive discussion of "Fronde's Life of Carlyle;" while the religious and philosophical reader will find in Courtney's "Socrates, Buddha, and Christ," specific statements and quotations of those parallel doctrines that are so often vaguely alluded to. For the scientific reader, Mr. Proctor discusses learnedly "Herschel's Star Surveys," and Prof. Le Conte presents and explains some curious facts in relation to "The Evidence of the Senses." Mr. Mulhall's paper on "The Increase of Wealth" is a successful endeavor to render large masses of figures popularly intelligible.

Middlefork, Ind.

Dec. 13, 1884.—Saturday afternoon, Dec. 20, I went to Flora, a distance of twelve miles, where I preached same evening to a fair audience. On Sunday morning I visited sister Rowland, who could not attend the preaching because of sickness. I also called on Elder Heil Hamilton, of the German Baptist Church. He has done a great deal of hard labor in his time, and is getting feeble, however. He has the most of the labor to perform here in the Bachelor's Run Church, although there are younger men sitting behind the table.

We had quite an attentive audience composed partly of the German Baptists and Old Order Brethren. There is quite a number here, and they always treat us with much kindness. I left another appointment for four weeks. Saturday, 27th inst., our social will be at brother A. M. Gordon's. Our regular appointment at Sugar Grove, second Sabbath of each month.

B. L. GORDON.

The Convention.

Waterloo, Iowa.—There is a second for a Ministerial Convention. Remarks are now in order. Brother Chairman, why is this Convention termed ministerial? Is it the urgent business of a doctrinal character, or is it of a local or financial? Please explain, I understand that the business is of a financial and local nature. If so would it not sound better to leave off the word ministerial? Let us avoid all appearance of evil. I know of no doctrinal points at issue. I trust we have all got the discipline, and all understand it alike. I can endorse brother Bahsors' views on the Convention matter pretty generally, but would prefer distributing so that every Church could be represented. But do not call a ministerial Convention until you have some doctrinal points at issue, it is then in order to call it a convention.

SAMUEL CAIN.

Convention—J. C. Cripe has the Floor.

The objections that a general convention incurs danger I think should not be urged too strong. We should take warning by the past, it is true, but this warning should be against the abuse of a general convention and not its use.

There is nothing in existence that has not been abused. Even the ordinances of the church have suffered abuse. It seems to me that we might as well proclaim against baptism because in some churches it has degenerated into sprinkling, or because some who have been baptized

did not turn out well, as to say that we will have no general convention because some have abused their power in holding them.

I say let us have a convention and show how conventions may be held for the good of the Church and to the honor and glory of God.

I will suggest North Manchester, Indiana as the place and time, April 1885.—Dowagiac, Mich.

College Notes.

Now it is vacation.

We see the faces of but few students on the streets.

The protracted meeting closed on Tuesday evening, Dec. 23, with a lovefeast; a true feast of love. The visible result was the turning of one dear soul to Christ, and what may not one earnest soul do for Ashland College and the church.

The Seniors did well in their public exercises. The speakers were as follows:

D. I. Brumbaugh.—Imagination. Mrs. W. C. Perry.—"Learn to Labor and to wait."

F. F. Mykrantz.—An Honest Man.

D. N. Meyers.—Growing Influences.

U. D. Guagy.—Self-Control.

W. W. Felger.—The Stoics.

The music was up to the usual standard. Two pieces by the Oratoria class, and two by the Lophos Quartette.

As brother Holsinger is now relieved of his editorial responsibility he will give his whole attention to canvassing for the college.

We have already heard of many new students for next term and most of the old ones will return.

Winter Term opens January 6th, 1885. Don't forget the date. REPORTER.

Married.

December 7th, 1884, at the residence of the bride's mother at Farmersville, Ohio, by Elder Edward Mason, Mr. William D. Nushawg to Miss Jennie Meagle, both of Montgomery county, Ohio.

At the residence of the bride's parents in Ankenytown, O., by Rev. R. F. Mallott, sister Ida E. Beal to Mr. William S. Boley.

At the residence of the bride's parents, near Hudson, Iowa, on Dec. 4th, by Rev. S. H. Bashor, brother Joseph P. Buchanan to sister Fannie Wassam.

At the bride's residence, five miles north of Shelby Ohio, by R. F. Mallott, Miss Jennie Leicy to James F. Briner, both of Richland county, Ohio.

By the undersigned, on Thursday evening, Dec. 25, 1884, at the bride's residence, west of Dayton, Ohio, Mr. Millard F. Eby to sister Sarah C. Beeghley, both of Montgomery county, O. E. S. MILLER.

Died.—At the residence of her son (Bro. Henry Statler) sister Elizabeth Statler, aged 84 years. Funeral services by the undersigned, Dec. 5th to a very large gathering of friends and neighbors. Text: Psalm 28: 4.

R. F. MALLOTT.

Died.—At the residence of his daughter in Orrville, Ohio, at 2 o'clock A. M. Dec. 25th 1884. Brother Abraham Plank aged 77 years, 3 months and 27 days.

Brother Plank was extensively known in Wayne and Ashland counties for many years as an honest miller, a generous hearted man and an earnest advocate of Christian liberality. He was the second person who voted "Progressive," at the famous Mohican council in 1882, and stood faithfully by his principles to the last, and was always ready to aid the cause of truth in a substantial way. Funeral at the residence of his son Abraham Jr., in Wooster at 2 P. M.

on Friday Dec. 26th by the undersigned assisted by Elder Broyle of Wooster.

P. J. BROWN.

Local Items.

1885 A. D.

A merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Will we not do at least one good act every day of the New Year?

Brother W. S. Livengood of Elk Lick, Pa., and a teacher in Somerset, Pa., gave the sanctum and Boarding Hall a call during the Holidays.

Prof. Huber has been sojourning among brethren north of town during the Holidays. We hope he has enjoyed a feast of spiritual and philological fat things.

Prof. Bailey gave an entertaining discourse on Paul's preaching at Troas, at the prayer meeting last Sunday. Brother Bailey's talks are always interesting.

Brother A. A. Cober ventured beyond the shadow of Ashland College to preach for the brethren at North Liberty, O.

Pres. Hixson and wife are spending vacation with sister Hixson's parents at Louisville Ohio.

Albert Eisfeller the former foreman of the EVANGELIST office has gone to Chicago in search of a job.

Sister Davis the accommodating matron of the Boarding Hall visits her sister with her husband at Springfield, Ohio, during Holiday vacation.

E. L. Yoder expects to move his family to Ashland next spring.

College chapel, Boarding Hall, and Ashland town look lonely in the absence of the students during vacation. We hope they may all return at the opening of the new term.

The Gospel Messenger congratulates the Brethren of Ashland upon their general prosperity. It evidently did it by mistake, but the notice is opportune and we are grateful.

Aunt Lottie is still among the Glades of Pennsylvania. She is being entertained by the youngest of her many nieces. We hope she will tell the children all about it before long.

Elder Holsinger made a flying visit to Chicago on the 27th and over Sunday.

Through the new arrangements in the EVANGELIST office our worthy brother J. H. Thompson as book keeper and helper in the sanctum has been thrown out of a job. Elder Holsinger has given him employment in the boarding hall for the present.

The College Boarding Hall is as clean and bright as a new pin under the scrutinizing care of Sister Holsinger.

Do you think anybody can do without the weekly visits of the EVANGELIST in order that he may save a weakly sum of three cents?

Ask your neighbor to subscribe for the EVANGELIST.

Send for the Brethren's Annual. It tells you how to foretell weather, and contains other useful matters.

Brethren's Annual for 1885 now ready. Price 20 cents.

The Brethren's Annual is for parents, boys, girls, preachers, laymen, farmers, housekeepers, business men. It is a compendium of useful knowledge for all classes and especially interesting to Brethren.

Ashland College is the place to educate your young men and women.

Business Matters.

Since the price of this paper has been reduced, we are under obligations to the \$2.00 subscribers. What shall we do with the extra 50 cents? Will you send the paper to some of your friends for four months or shall we extend your time? Do you want tracts, pamphlets, etc., or shall we turn the surplus to the beneficiary fund to enable us to send the paper to poor members.

The Brethren Annual for 1885 is the best ever published. The census of the Brethren Church alone is worth the price paid for it.

We want our patrons in all instances to say what we shall do with the surplus subscription.

When one has no design but to speak plain truth, he may say a great deal in a very narrow compass.

The greatest man living may stand in need of the meaneast, as much as the meaneast does of him.

He, and he only, is safe from a drunkard's death, who never tastes a drop of anything that can intoxicate.